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FRANCO-BRITISH DRIVE CONTINUES TO GAIN GROUND FROM TEUTONS

TWO LINES OF TRENCHES ON SECOND GERMAN POSITION TAKEN SOUTH OF SOMME BY THE FRENCH LAST NIGHT.

French Statement Says that 11,000 Nine German Battalions Participated in Fighting and 13,000 Thirty-One Sustained Important Losses—Trenches and Second German Positions Captured by French Extend to Maricourt Wood which the French Hold, as Far as the Edge of Assevillers Village—Germans Rushing up Reserves to Somme Region in an Effort to Check the Franco-British Advance, but they Have so Far been Unable to hold the Allied Armies—Capture of Curlu Said to Represent Great Step Forward, as it Bars the Road Leading to the Only Points Where the River can be Crossed—British Wounded Beginning to Arrive in London and Tell of Thrilling Battle with Germans.

Paris, July 3.—The French offensive south of Somme in conjunction with the British drive continued last night with complete success, the war office announced today.

The French have occupied two lines of trenches of the second German position on a five kilometer front, capturing the village of Hersecourt, where the French captured heavy artillery and took more prisoners.

The statement says that of the thirty-nine German battalions which participated in the fighting, thirty-one sustained important losses.

East of the Meuse on the Verdun front, the Germans captured Damloup redoubt, which the French subsequently regained.

The trenches of the second German positions captured by the French, extend from Maricourt wood, which the French hold, as far as the edge of Assevillers. The village of Hersecourt, taken by the French, lies between these points.

Further south, the French made progress towards Assevillers and Estress. North of Somme, the Germans made no attack on the positions previously taken by the French.

The reserves which the Germans rushed up to Somme region to check the Franco-British advance, began to make themselves felt yesterday and last night, according to reports here. The fighting reached the pitch of desperation, but the German efforts to check the allied advance failed.

The capture of Curlu, especially in view of the rapid progress made south of Somme, represents a great step forward for the village bars the road leading to the only points where the river can be passed.

Wounded Arrive in London

London, July 3.—The first of the wounded from the British front arrived at Charing Cross station tonight. A wounded man giving an account of the fighting said, "we didn't literally charge the enemy's advanced trenches because there was nothing to charge. But we did charge our own shell holes behind the German trenches, where the Germans awaited us with machine guns. It was a thrilling affair while it lasted. Each hole was filled with a struggling mass of British and German humanity."

British Pushing Forward

British Headquarters, July 3.—The fighting continues intense on the whole British front. North of Fricourt, the British have pushed their positions forward to higher ground, where the situation is promising for the British. The number of German prisoners taken in the south so far exceeds four thousand. The British have advanced further east of the Anore river.

WEATHER FORECAST

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German Garrison Surrenders.

London, July 3.—The surrender of the German garrison at Laboiselle is officially announced.

German Statement of Battle

Berlin, July 3.—Today's statement says, the continuation of the French and British drive on both sides of the Somme has not gained any advantage for the allies north of the river, but south of the river the Germans withdrew a division to the second line positions.

Offensive Gaining Ground.

London, July 3.—Press reports indicate continued success of the allied offensive, which was begun Saturday morning. Although the Germans have put into operation strong counter attacks and are apparently making desperate resistance, the British have captured Fricourt and the French have taken Curlu and have apparently been forced to give up nowhere any of the ground gained from the Germans in some places, the German lines have been penetrated to a depth of two miles and the prisoners taken by the French and British in the first two days number many thousands. North of the Somme, where the French and British armies make contact, various important points have been taken. The Germans made desperate resistance at Fricourt, Contalmaison and Gommecourt in an effort to defend the high road from Arras to Bapaume and Peronne, which is one of the main arteries of the western operations.

HETTY GREEN IS DEAD IN NEW YORK

WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN DIED IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING FOLLOWING SHORT ILLNESS OF PNEUMONIA.

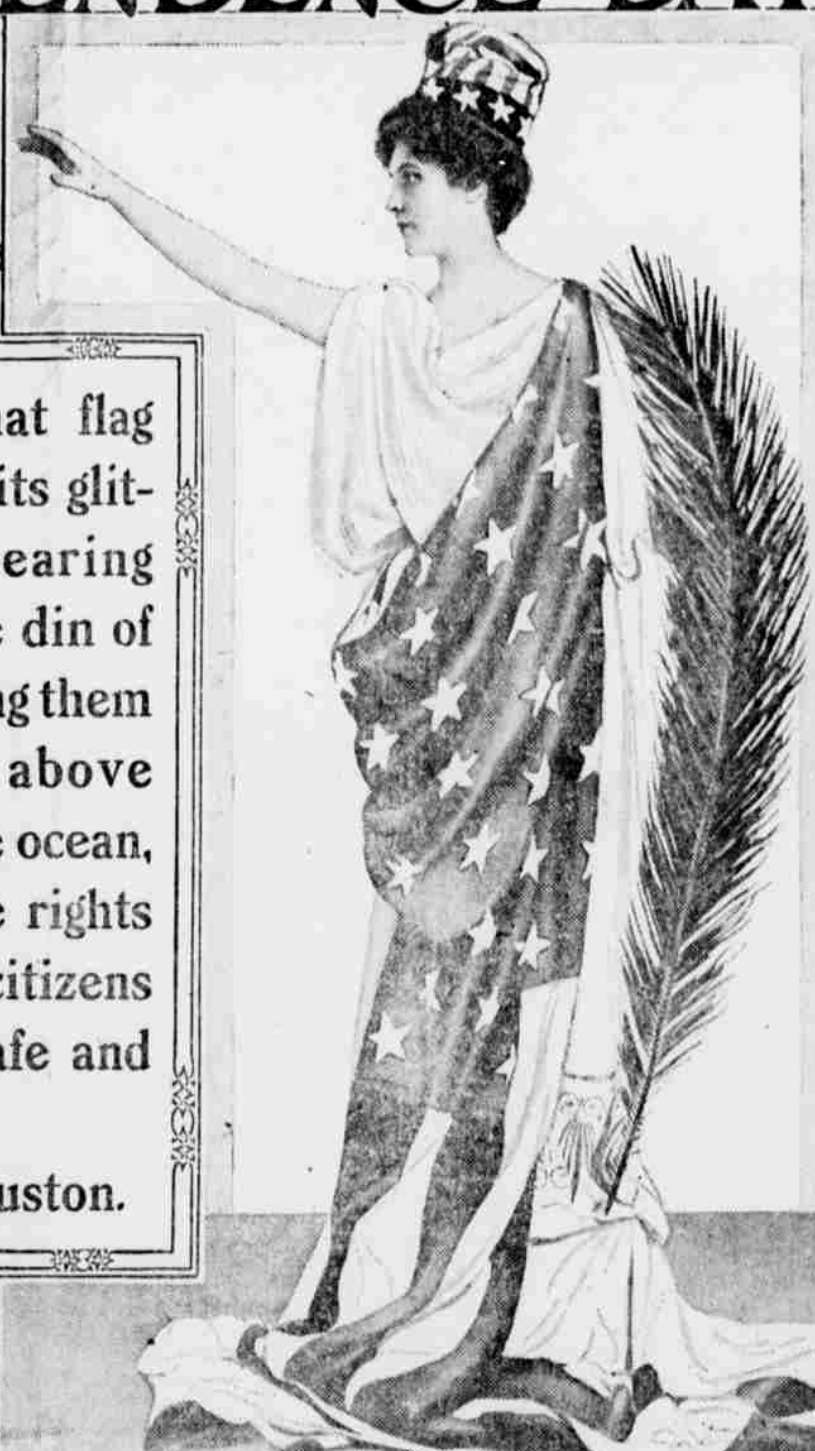
New York, July 3.—Mrs. Hetty Green, said to be the wealthiest woman in the world, died here this morning after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Green was born in November, 1834, at New Bedford, Conn., which city was founded by her ancestor, John Howland, a Puritan who came over on the Mayflower and who named the place after Bedford, his family home in England.

Mrs. Hetty Green was the world's most remarkable mistress of finance. The fortune she has left is close to \$100,000,000. Though the richest woman in America, she lived almost as frugally as a shop girl. Her home was wherever she chose for a time to hang her little black caps and bonnet, often in the hall bedroom of some cheap boarding house or in some remote and modest flat around New York. She was born rich, in 1865 inheriting \$10,000,000, which accumulated upon itself until in fifty years it had multiplied nearly ten times.

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4

So long as that flag shall bear aloft its glittering stars, bearing them amidst the din of battle and waving them triumphantly above the storms of the ocean, so long shall the rights of American citizens be preserved safe and unimpaired.

---Samuel Houston.



FUNSTON, PERSHING AND BELL TO COMMAND BORDER DIVISIONS

WAR DEPARTMENT WITHOUT EXPLANATION, ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN ARMY DIVISIONS, CREATING NEW DEPARTMENT IN NEW MEXICO.

These Changes by War Department are Believed to be Preparatory to Appointment of Major General with Supreme Command of Forces on Border and in Mexico—Socialist Labor Party Asks Wilson to Withdraw All American Troops in Mexico—Major Jenkins' Scouting Party, which Sought Survivors of Carrizal Battle, Returned to Pershing's Headquarters on June 28, without Finding Any Survivors—Expedition Experienced Many Hardships Spending Days on Hot Mexican Desert without Food or Water and only Returned to Army Base when Food Gave Out—Troops Rapidly Arriving at Border Points Now.

Washington, D. C., July 3.—A division of authority among military commanders along the Mexican border is announced today by the publicity bureau of the war department without explanation. It reduces the jurisdiction of the southern department, commanded by Funston, to the Texas line from the coast to El Paso, creates a new department of New Mexico, with Pershing in command, and adds the Arizona border to the western department under General J. Franklin Bell.

Pershing's expedition has heretofore been under Funston. These changes are believed to be preparatory to the appointment of a major general with supreme command of the forces on the border and in Mexico.

Jenkins Party Returns.

Field Headquarters, Mexico, July 3.—After spending days without food and water on the hot Mexican desert, Major Jenkins' scouting party, which sought the survivors of the Carrizal fight, returned to Pershing's headquarters on June 28th, without finding any survivors. Members of the party went through severe hardships and were forced to turn back when their food went low.

Recommended by Funston.

San Antonio, Tex., July 3.—Secretary Baker's order placing the American border army under three commanders and reducing Funston's command to those troops in the Texas line, is regarded here as a further indication that the administration is preparing to use all forces at its command in dealing with the Mexican situation. The change was recommended by Funston two weeks ago, when he foresaw the difficulty of one department exercising command over the 1,800 miles of border line.

Socialists Ask Withdrawal.

New York, July 3.—A protest demanding that all American troops be withdrawn from Mexico was sent to Wilson today by the national executive committee of the socialist labor party.

Mobilizing National Guard.

San Antonio, Tex., July 3.—Uninterrupted progress in the mobilization of the national guard was made today, resulting in the packing of an army of sixty-five thousand along the border line. Other troop trains are moving south to augment this force.

Bridge Blown Up.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 3.—It is

FARE-REFUND SALE BEGINS SATURDAY

ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO A GENERAL INVASION OF BARGAIN SEEKERS FROM RURAL DISTRICTS.

After weeks of careful planning, during which time the leading merchants of Ardmore have spent every spare moment in preparing for the biggest trade event ever staged in the city, the big refund car fare week is almost here. Beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, July 8, local stores will be thrown open to the public and the rush will be on.

The greatest part of the last few days has been spent in getting everything in readiness for refunding car fares to out-of-town shoppers, which will be done by the merchants. The car fare schedule has been carefully studied by those who will have charge of reimbursing country people and the matter is fully understood by all. The cash will be handed over to out-of-town customers as quickly as the refund slips are presented, and done mightily willing too, and there will not be a semblance of friction or argument.

The advantages of refund fare week to shoppers are numerous, most of which are fully understood. The fact that a special effort is being made to bring country shoppers to Ardmore at a time when the stores are full of fresh spring goods, just from the factories, at a time when there would be a big demand for those goods without any additional incentive of free fares, in itself shows the sale to be of widespread interest. Ardmore will get a reputation as a shopping center and the radius of the shopping territory will accordingly be extended. Refund fare week is an advertisement for Ardmore—and a mighty good one it will be, too.

The full particulars of the way in which the railroad fare of visitors will be refunded will be explained in the big special.

REGIMENT OF MAINE BOYS HERE TODAY

HUSKY BUNCH OF BOYS IN KAHAKI READY FOR WAR PASS THROUGH CITY AND GIVEN WARM RECEPTION.

The second Maine regiment, Col. Hume commanding passed through the city this morning and while here the soldier boys mingled with the citizens and told of the valiant deeds they expected to perform in the interest of Uncle Sammy on the border or in the interior of Mexico, if they were ordered to do so. The boys were a husky bunch of physically fit young manhood, and it is easy to predict that they will not have to be pushed forward if necessity demands.

The boys while here took possession of anything they wanted and were given a hearty welcome by the citizens, saddle ponies were in demand and the troopers could be observed breaking the speed limit right under the eyes of the police with impunity.

The boys were all eager to reach the border where they will be encamped at Laredo unless otherwise ordered, and they were equally as eager to have a hand in settling the Mexican situation once and forever.

This is the second regiment that Maine already has in the field but reports from officers of the second, convey the fact that Maine is ready to furnish many other regiments if needed.

The heartiest welcome extended to the boys from Maine, was from the old Confederate soldiers, who more than likely fought the fathers of these same boys during the sixties, and the old boys who wore the gray were loud in lamentations that they were prevented by age from participating in the unpleasantness. "I never wanted to do anything as bad in my life as to join that bunch," said Uncle John Wyont, who went to the front in '61 from South Carolina, "and I hope Uncle Sam will make a place for some of us old drill masters so that we can do something to show that we are fully re-constructed." The train departed on schedule time for its destination at Laredo, Texas.

Ladies of the city were not long in arriving at the station after the train pulled in, and the boys were all invited to take auto rides over the town. They were not slow in responding and officers and enlisted men alike were mingling in most democratic fashion. In the regiment were several printers who were so well impressed with the looks of the city that they say they will return after the war and locate here.

L. R. Marston of this city is a native of Maine and several boys of that name were numbered among the regiment who are no doubt distant relatives. Col. Hume has every right to be proud of his boys, they are a typically American bunch and if called upon will maintain the reputation of the grand old state.

HOUSTON WOMAN SUICIDES

Jumped From Fifth Floor to Rotunda of Federal Building at Chicago. Chicago, Ill., July 3.—Miss Jennie Richardson of Houston, Tex., killed herself today by jumping from the fifth floor of the federal building here. She is said to have been disappointed in love affairs.

NO PAPER JULY 4

Tuesday, July 4, being a national holiday, The Ardmoreite will suspend publication for the day. Nearly all business houses in the city will be closed, all banks and all public offices of all kinds, including city, county, state, interior department and U. S. department of justice will be closed.

May the holiday be pleasant to The Ardmoreite readers, and may the celebration bring no accidents to your or your families.

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